

REMARKS

Claims 14, 17, 19-20, 32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 48 and 50-51 are pending in the application with entry of this Amendment. Claims 32-34 are currently amended, and claims 45 and 52-53 are currently canceled without prejudice. The amendments do not present new matter.

It is stated in the Office Action that claims 52 and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the indication of allowability, independent claim 33 is amended to include limitations of claim 52, and independent claim 34 is amended to include limitations of claim 53. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 33-34 and respective dependent claims 17, 19-20, 36-38, 40-42, 48 and 50-51 are allowable. Independent claim 32 is amended in accordance with the allowability remarks and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 32 and 14 are also allowable. Applicants also respectfully request that currently withdrawn claim 38 be reinstated and is also allowable.

In view of the amendments, all of the rejections are moot, and the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to kindly contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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